

Amendment No. 1 to HB3720

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 2724*

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by deleting Section 1 of the bill and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 4, Part 9, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

§ 49-4-9__.

(a) To be eligible for a Tennessee HOPE teacher's scholarship, a teacher shall:

(1) Be a tenured teacher teaching in a Tennessee public school system;

(2) Not be ineligible for the scholarship under § 49-4-904;

(3) Meet the requirements of § 49-4-905(a). The provisions of § 49-4-905(b) shall not apply to teachers seeking Tennessee HOPE teacher's scholarships;

(4) Be admitted to and attend an eligible postsecondary institution seeking an advanced degree in mathematics or a science or certification to teach mathematics or a science;

(5) Maintain satisfactory progress in the teacher's program of study;

(6) Agree to teach mathematics or a science in a Tennessee public school system two (2) academic years for each year of funding provided by a Tennessee HOPE teacher's scholarship and sign a promissory note that stipulates the cash repayment obligation incurred if the teaching service is not fulfilled; and

(7) Apply for a Tennessee HOPE teacher's scholarship.

(b)

(1) Except as provided in subdivisions (2) and (3) of this subsection, no minimum number of hours of enrollment is required for eligibility for a Tennessee HOPE teacher's scholarship.

(2) The program of study a teacher is attempting shall be completed within five (5) years, beginning with the first term for which scholarship funds are awarded.

(3) A teacher's eligibility for a Tennessee HOPE teacher's scholarship expires, if the teacher has a break in enrollment at an eligible postsecondary institution of more than twelve (12) months.

(c) Subject to the amounts appropriated by the general assembly and any provision of law relating to a shortfall in funds available for postsecondary financial assistance from the net proceeds of the state lottery, a Tennessee HOPE teacher's scholarship awarded to a teacher shall be two thousand dollars (\$2,000) per year. The total amount of a Tennessee HOPE teacher's scholarship awarded to a teacher shall not exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for all years required for the teacher's program of study.

(d) No retroactive award of a Tennessee HOPE teacher's scholarship shall be made under this section.

(e) Scholarships awarded under this section shall not commence prior to fall semester, 2006.